

# NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

## Minutes of Meeting

July 11, 2003

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### Attendance:

Robert Clegg, Chairman, Department of Safety  
Tyler Carlisle, Board of Engineers, licensed electrical engineer  
Robert Longchamps, NH Electrical Contractors Business Assoc, licensed master electrician  
Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, licensed architect  
Tedd Evans, Board for licensing and regulation of plumbers, licensed master plumber  
Richard Swain, NH Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association  
Wes Golomb, State energy conservation code office  
William Smagula, PE, Board of Engineers, licensed mechanical engineer  
Ray Cowan, Board of Engineers, licensed structural engineer  
Med Kopczynski, Assistant City Manager Keene, NH Municipal Association  
Ken Andrews, NH Building Officials Assoc., municipal building official

With a quorum of the Board present, Chairman Clegg so declared and called the meeting to order. Notice of the public hearing / meeting was posted at the Department of Safety and State House, the State Fire Academy, and the Manchester Union Leader and the Legislative Office Building a minimum of 2 weeks prior to scheduled meeting date.

### Adoption of Minutes from June 13, 2003 meeting:

**Motion** was made by Tyler Carlisle approve the minutes as written, and was **Seconded** by Wes Golomb. **Motion** passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

1. *Legality of posting training sessions on the State Building Code web site.* Having been prompted by a letter from Littleton Fire Dept about obtaining and posting training sessions on the site, which lead to the legality of it. The State web-site is not there for people to make a profit. Dan Mullen from the AG's office stated he will check into the matter and get back to the committee. Ray Cowan stated one of the concerns was the quality of the program was, and if it was getting to the issues. The Chairman stated that we have to be real careful if we choose to do this.
2. *Section of legislation directs the means of egress to Fire Code and Life Safety Code.* Jerry Tepe gave a hand out to all board members. He is looking for some official consistency in the enforcement. 155-A:2 II – "standard including definitions established by the most recent edition of the Life Safety Code, shall take precedence over all standards in the State Building Code, relative to means of egress. Chairman Clegg stated that from a legislative point of view, it was a compromise to get where we are today. To clarify, the "most recent edition of the Life Safety Code" was intended to mean 'the most recent edition adopted by the Fire Marshal's office, under their Fire Code'. The Fire Marshal's office has full jurisdiction over egress. Ken Andrews stated that there are portions of the IBC that deal with egress to one degree or another, that are not addressed

in Life Safety Code. Gary Bernier stated that RSA 155-A:2 IX is what states that nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as amending / appealing / or superceding any local law ordinances etc.

3. *State Buildings – exempt from the State Building Code.* Ken Andrews stated that this came about because the liquor store at the Portsmouth traffic circle where the State told the City of Portsmouth that they were exempt and could do anything they wanted to do. Chairman Clegg stated that we are going to hold off on this subject for the time being.
4. *Memo from Carol Holahan, 5/20/03.* Chairman Clegg passed out copies of the subject being discussed. It is a copy just for the member's files. No discussion is needed.
5. *Memo from Wynn Arnold 5/28/03.* Chairman Clegg has opted to skip this subject for the time being.
6. *Update on BOCA/State Fire Code.* Commissioner wanted to make sure all Board members were aware of the Rules change. Trying to satisfy all the agreements we have. Ken Andrews reported that at a couple of meeting ago. An appeal had been filed, and was looking for an update on the status of that. Jerry Tepe asked John Stephen if they had re-published the State Fire Code now, or if they are going to with these recent changes that have occurred. John reported that they are ready with camera-ready rules, as published? Jerry Tepe said in the past there was a publication put out that has the "Fire Marshal's Rules" at a cost of like \$10.00. John Stephen will check on that, and will have the Fire Marshal's website updated with the information.
7. *June 2003 – Guidance Document.* Ken Andrews distributed copy's to all members and what it reflects are the comments reflected from the last meeting regarding the International Residential Code and a couple of others, including the standards. The sub-committee felt that the intent of the legislation was the standards that were referenced at the time of the adoption of the State Code, are the ones that we live with until amended. This is not a code change. This is just a clarification of the issues that were raised on several occasions on cross references in the Code. Is a reference document only. Tedd Evans stated that as of the last printing of the plumbing code there is a paragraph under the scope of the code that says this code does not apply for more than 2-family dwellings and refers them to IRC for 1 and 2 family plumbing. Chairman Clegg said for Tedd to bring that in and we will bring it up as an amendment at the next meeting. Jerry Tepe made the **Motion** to have this document posted on the website for guidance and reference use only. **Motion** was seconded by Tyler Carlisle. Chairman asked for a vote. Vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

#### **New Business:**

*Confirm/Schedule public hearing for the Board's organizational and procedural and hearing rules pursuant to RSA 541-A (August 8).* Chairman Clegg – August 8 confirmed.

#### **Other Business:**

If members want to put together some of the most frequently asked questions in your own areas, they will be put on the web page. Send it in as a draft to Evvy.

Ken Andrews is going voluntarily to the State of Maine for their State Building Code – and giving them the benefit of his expertise

Chairman Clegg asked for a **Motion** to close this public section of the meeting. **Motion** was made by (Tyler Carlisle?) and was **Seconded** by Ken Andrews. Role call:

Ray Cowan	yes
Med Kopczynski	yes
Ken Andrews	yes
Tyler Carlisle	yes
Jerry Tepe	yes
Bob Longchamps	yes
Rick Swain	yes

Wes Golomb	yes
Tedd Evans	yes

Chairman Clegg asked those non-voting members to leave to discuss Attorney-Client privileged document.

Chairman Clegg declared the non-public meeting back open. Ken Andrews **moved** to adjourn. Med Kopczynski **seconded**. Vote was unanimous and so declared by the Chairman.

**Next Meeting(s):**

**August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.**